

NEW DUST DESTROYER

Crude Petroleum
May Be Used In-
stead of Water.

CRUDE petroleum is to be used in place of water upon the streets of Honolulu as a dust-destroyer if the experiments ordered by the Executive Council yesterday morning prove successful. According to the claims of its advocates oil is not only much better adapted for this purpose but is also less expensive than common water. The tests now to be made under the direction of Superintendent Boyd of the Department of Public Works will prove the truth or falsity of these claims.

While oil has not been used to any great extent in laying the dust on streets in the States, it is now being extensively utilized by the great railroad systems of the United States upon their roadbeds, which is not only hardens but also eradicates flying dust-clouds which have always been a source of much annoyance to travelers.

Superintendent Lloyd favors the new plan if upon investigation the utility of petroleum for the purpose is proven.

"I am in favor of the use of petroleum for gradebuilding streets," he says.

"It is claimed that one 'dousing' of the streets with crude oil will keep them free from dust for six months. If this is true there can be no doubt of petroleum being cheaper than water."

"At present each street is sprinkled four times a day and even then some of the roads are dusty during these intervals.

"It is claimed that the oil not only keeps the dust down, but also hardens the roads. This is of itself a strong point in its favor, and one that can-

The experiments are to be made as a result of an offer made yesterday in a letter from E. D. Tenney, stating that he had offered streets and sidewalks in Honolulu which he was willing to donate for the use of the Department of Public Works. Bethel street will probably

OTHER MATTERS CONSIDERED.

The application of William Matsuo for permission to build a jetty at the mouth of Wajakea river at Hilo was granted. He asked that he be reimbursed later by the Territory, but the Council decided that all such improvements should be made by the United States. Estimates and recommendations to that effect will be sent to the Secretary of the Interior.

The plans of the Honolulu Rapid Transit Company for the extension of its lines from Liliha street to Waipahoehoe road to the Fertilizer Works were approved.

The application of J. E. Silva of Wailuku for a liquor license was refused.

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In the country would not object to the admission to American ports of raw sugar from Cuba and Porto Rico free of

"You will notice something in that letter about the cancellation of \$15,000.00 of mortgage bonds. Those bonds were authorized, but never issued. We want to cancel the authorization and get it out of the way. And there is one thing more. I have noticed in the papers that

cently that the Sugar Trust is not only back on and interested in the fight with Spreckels, but is making plans to stand up and fight in California. Our company has nothing whatever to do with that fight. The fight was brought about through the consumption of beet sugar not equaling the production. Oxnard wants to work off some of his superfluous product and he thinks it is his right to make it. He is not in the trust, he'd get rid of some left-over beet sugar. Our company is not at all interested in that fight, but I know something about the fighting qualities of Spreckels and I don't think Oxnard will win."

It was stated in the sugar district yesterday that both the American and the National Sugar Refining companies

Their actual selling prices for sugar 10 points, or to the base of 5 cents a pound for granulated. The Arbuckles up to the close of business had not followed the advance.

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### Court of Tax Appeals.

The case of most interest before the tax appeal court yesterday was that of the McIntyre Building Co. The valuation of the property at King and Fort street was returned at \$50,000 and increased to \$60,000 by the assessor. The appeal was made to \$20,000.

The appellants argued that \$30,000 was the figure returned upon the land, while in January 1st, this year, the property was vacant.

The appeal in the valuation of the Testa property was on \$,000. The valuation was increased from \$,000 to \$,000.

Several other appeals were considered after which the court took up cases in which the evidence had been presented. No decisions were rendered.

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The work of clearing away debris from the Hall corner is well under way, and brick are being hauled for rebuilding.

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